

Angie Miller Named 2011 New Hampshire Teacher Of The Year

Commissioner of Education Virginia M. Barry, Ph.D., announced that Angie Miller, a language arts teacher at Holderness Central School, is the 2011 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year. In receiving this award, Ms. Miller becomes New Hampshire's candidate for National Teacher of the Year.

"Selecting a Teacher of the Year is an exceptional way to celebrate the many outstanding and dedicated people teaching in New Hampshire schools," said Commissioner Barry. "Angie will serve as an ambassador for all the excellent teachers in the state."

Ms. Miller has been teaching for nine years, all of them have been at Holderness Central School. Her involvement with the community is outstanding. She is teaching her students life lessons in humanity as they raise money for victims of hurricanes or simply outfit a local homeless women's new apartment. She has created a safe and positive classroom environment where students feel welcome, are eager to explore new learning experiences, and are willing to take risks.

Angie wrote in her application, "I believe in a classroom with no walls—students should be part of their greater community; parents should be made comfortable to enter their schools; teachers should share ideas with other teachers; and the general public should know what is happening within the school systems that they support."

Angie Miller is described by her principal, William Van Bennekum, as, "a well-rounded educator who demonstrates daily a commitment to students and the community." He also stated, "I have been overcome by her generosity, professionalism and dedicated service she provides the children and families of our school."

Each year, New Hampshire schools take part in the State and National Teacher of the Year Program. The National Teacher of the Year Program, sponsored by the ING Foundation and Target, is a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers, in partnership with the University of Phoenix Foundation and People to People Ambassador Programs. The National Teacher of the Year Program began in 1952 and continues as the oldest, most prestigious national honors program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching.

In New Hampshire, Hannaford Supermarkets is proud to partner with the Department of Education to sponsor the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year program. As a company, Hannaford is committed to enriching the quality of life in the communities they serve. One way to do this is by supporting the Teacher of the Year Program that recognizes the significant contributions made by the many dedicated professionals who choose to make teaching their calling.

New Hampshire Teacher of the Year Finalists are: Sarah Cook, Cooperative Middle School (Stratham); JoAnne Del Greco, Elm Street Middle School (Nashua); Kathy Lynn Donovan, Beaver Meadow Elementary School (Concord); and Tammy Gamelin, Pinkerton Academy (Derry).

In early December, these finalists and the 2011 NH Teacher of the Year will be invited to a "Leadership in Education Banquet" to celebrate their accomplishments along with other distinguished educators in the State. At this banquet they will receive a classroom grant from Hannaford Supermarkets.

The selection process for the 2011 NH Teacher of the Year program was coordinated by a committee including; NH State Board of Education Chair, John Lyons; NH Association of School Principals Executive Director, Peggy McAllister; Bedford School Board Vice Chair, Cindy Chagnon; 2010 NH Teacher of the Year, Eric Nash, 2009 NH Teacher of the Year, Deborah Fogg; Hannaford Supermarkets Store Manager, Jean-Marie Beauchemin; Hannaford Supermarkets Regional Community Relations Specialist, Molly Tarleton; and Virginia A. Clifford, Bureau of Credentialing, NH Department of Education.

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